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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG OVERFLIGHTS OF THE FRG

REFS: (A) BONN 21021, (B) STATE 300744,
(C) STATE 299836

1. AS REPORTED IN REF (A), US REP MADE PRESENTATION
BASED UPON REFS (B) AND (C) IN DECEMBER 14 BONN GROUP
MEETING, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE COORDINATION
AS DECISION ON INTERFLUG APPLICATION IS REACHED.

2. COMMENT: US REP CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO MODIFY
SLIGHTLY ONE OF THE POINTS IN PARA 2.A. OF REF (C),
TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE USG HAD ONLY RECENTLY
LEARNED THAT THE GDR HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN AUTHORIZATION
FOR INDIVIDUAL INTERFLUG CHARTERS TO OVERFLY THE FRG.
ALTHOUGH OUR STUDY OF THE MATTER IS NOT YET COMPLETE,
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EMBASSY FILES INDICATE THAT FRG HAS ROUTINELY PROVIDED
USG WITH TECHNICAL NOTIFICATION OF THESE INTERFLUG
CHARTERS ON EACH OCCASION. IN THE FOUR YEARS IN WHICH
FLIGHTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE, THE FRG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
AT THE WORKING LEVEL HAS ROUTINELY CABLED PRIOR
NOTIFICATION OF EACH FLIGHT TO US 7TH CORPS STUTTGART-

MOEHRINGEN (G-2) WITH EMBASSY BONN AS AN INFO ADDRESS. OUR RESEARCH ON THE ORIGIN AND EXTENT OF THE FLIGHTS IS CONTINUING, AND WE HAVE ASKED THE FRG IN BONN GROUP TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION IN THAT REGARD. END COMMENT.

3. UK REP (HITCH) FOLLOWED US STATEMENT BY SAYING ON INSTRUCTION THAT HE ASSUMED THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL 1954 ALLIED-FRG AGREEMENT CALLING FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE FRG APPROVED CIVIL FLIGHTS BY SATELLITE COUNTRIES MEANT THAT THE FRG WOULD COME TO THE ALLIES IN THIS CASE IN GOOD TIME WITH PROPOSALS RATHER THAN WITH DECISIONS.

4. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) NOTED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND HAD NOT REQUESTED ANY. HOWEVER, HE COULD SUPPORT EVERYTHING IN THE US AND UK STATEMENTS.

5. FRG REP (HENZE) RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT. INTER-MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE GDR OVERFLIGHT APPLICATIONS WERE PLANNED, AND THE ALLIES WOULD BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THOSE INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS. IT WOULD BE INCORRECT TO REFER TO THOSE RESULTS AS "DECISIONS."

6. HENZE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE ALLIED VIEWS, AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE DETAILED US PRESENTATION WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR THE INTERNAL GERMAN CONSIDERATIONS. THE FRG, HE SAID, FULLY REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECISION, AND EVERYTHING WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE DONE IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE THREE ALLIES. STOESEL

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